fields, and there is no great scope for growing forests and there are no natural forests. However, for the Mannargudi range a programme has been drawn up to cultivate dry fuel trees to an extent of about 300 acres.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" தஞ்சாவூர் ஜில்லாவில் வேதாரண்யம் என்ற காடு ஒன்று இருக்கிறது. இது மிகப் பெரிய காடாக இல்லாவிட்டாலும் புயலினால் பெரிய அளவிற்கு மரங்கள் அதில் சேதம் அடைந்திருக்கின்றன. அங்கிருந்த மான்கள் போன்ற மிருகங்கள் மடிந்து போயின. அந்த மான்களை வளர்ப்பதற்கும், போதிய மரங்களை பாதுகாப்பதற்கும் சர்க்கார் கவனம் செலுத்துவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The fact is that the forest that is existing there does not justify the name of Vedaranyam. The Government are doing their best to preserve the existing forests and also to extend the forest area to the extent possible. Here again, there is the question of want of adequate rainfall.''

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" இக் காடுகளில் மூலிகைப் பொருள்கள் விளைவிப்பதன் மூலம் மாகாண சர்க்கார் வருமானத்தை அதிகரிக்க வழி ஏற்படுத்துவார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government have been making some trials in some forest areas with cinchona.''

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHAYYA :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the area that is brought under afforestation is in proportion to the area that is denuded for wood purposes? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I think that proportion is sought to be kept up.''

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know the species of flora and fauna that are found in the forests of Tanjore? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have a separate question.''

Inclusion of Peruvannan community in the list of Backward classes.

* 594 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any memorandum, dated 14th December 1953, from the President, Peruvannan Joint Association Committee, Cherukunnur, North Malabar, requesting the Government to include them in the list of backward communities; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

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SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Apart from the Central Government's list, will this State Government consider the immediate necessity for including them in the list of backward classes for the purpose of eligibility to the educational concessions granted by them, as the men belonging to this community are living by sorcery, black magic and devil dance and the women by rendering a kind of country maternity aid, and as the community is very backward economically and otherwise? "

THE HON. SRI B PARAMESWARAN :—" All these factors were taken into consideration and the community has already been included in the list of backward classes."

Mobile medical vans for the North Arcot district.

* 595 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM (on behalf of Sri D. Dasarathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to afford medical facilities to the villagers of North Arcot district by way of mobile medical vans;

(*b*) the probable cost of a van ; and

(*c*) when it will come into force?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Rs. 16,000.

" (*c*) The question is under consideration."

Permission to students studying for " Siromani " courses in the Sanskrit Colleges managed by Ahobila Mutt to appear for S.S.L.C. Examination.

* 596 *Q.*—SRI O. VENKATASUBBA REDDY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have allowed the students studying for " Siromani " courses in the Sanskrit Colleges managed by Ahobila Mutt to appear privately for S.S.L.C. Examination; and

(*b*) whether the students studying for Tamil Vidwan courses are also shown the same concession and if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir. The rules do not permit this."

Electrification of Taluk office, Tanjore.

* 597 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be plesed to state—

(*a*) the estimated cost of electrification of the Taluk office at Tanjore ; and

(*b*) when it will be taken up for execution?